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11. (U) Mission delivered reftel talking points and the Department's press statement on the USG candidacy for the UN Human Rights Council to Ministry of Foreign Affairs Under Secretary, International Division, Marilyn Zonicle, April 1. Ms. Zonicle took note but made no commitment, saying the GCOB would be interested in reciprocal agreements in light of four outstanding requests for U.S. support of Bahamian candidacies in multilateral forums, including three in the UN system (ref B). Post delivered the diplomatic note and U.S. statement on human rights (ref B) to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs April 116.

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